

"HE THAT READETH, LET HIM UNDERSTAND."

COURTEOUS READER,

You are hereby informed, that God, who in ancient days spake to Noah, Abraham, Moses, and other righteous men, has in these last days chosen a Prophet, through whom he has revealed his will, made known his Gospel, established his kingdom, and set up an ensign for the nations to gather unto. Your kind attention is earnestly called to the following important passages of Holy Writ:—

"Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid." *Isa. xlii. 14.*

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom which shall NEVER BE DESTROYED; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." *Dan. ii. 44.*

"And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come." *Matt. xxiv. 14.*

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the Everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people." *Rev. xiv. 6.*

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues: they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." *Mark xvi. 15 to 18.*

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my (Christ's) word shall not pass away." *Matt. xxiv. 35.*

Reader, the God of Israel hath commenced the great and marvellous work spoken of in the foregoing passages, and you are now called upon to believe, repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins, that you may realize the glorious gift of the Holy Ghost, through the laying on of hands by those sent of God.

"Refrain from (persecuting) these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel, or this work be of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found even to fight against God." *Acts v. 28, 29.*

"Beware, therefore, lest that come upon you which is spoken of in the Prophets, Behold, ye despisers, and wonder and perish; for I work a work in your days, a work in which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you." *Acts xiii. 40, 41.*

"Hear both sides of the question before judging."—*Sokrates.*

"Both our law judge any man, before it hear him?"—*Nicodemus.*

"Prove all things, hold fast that which is good"—*Paul.*

THE FAITH AND DOCTRINES OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS, WITH SCRIPTURAL PROOFS.

We believe in God the eternal Father, and in his Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

God—Gen. i, 26, 27; xvii, 1. Exo. xxxiii, 22, 23. Num. xii, 8. Deut. ix, 10. Ps. xi, 4. Jesus Christ—Heb. i, 2 and 5; Col. i, 15, 16; ii, 9. Rom. i, 3, 4. Zach. xiv, 3, 4. Acts i, 11. Jno. vi, 44. Isa. ix, 6. Holy Spirit—1 Cor. ii, 10. Jno. xiv, 26; xv, 26. Acts ii, 17, 28, 33. God a Spirit—Jno. iv, 24. Love—1 Jno. iv, 19. Anger—Ps. vii, 11. Isa. xli, 4. 2 Thess. i, 7 to 9.

We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgressions.

Men Punished for Actual Sin.—Acts xvii, 31. Matt. xxv, 46. Jno. v, 28, 29. Rev. xx, 12, 13.

We believe that through the atonement of Christ all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel.

Atonement of Christ—1 Cor. xv, 20 to 23. Rom. v, 12 to 19. 1 Jno. i, 7 to 10. Mark xvi, 15, &c. 1 Tim. ii, 6.

We believe that these ordinances are:—1st. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. 2nd. Repentance. 3rd. Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins. 4th. Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Spirit. 5th. The Lord's Supper.

Faith, Repentance, Baptism and Laying on Hands.—Jno. iii, 14 to 18. Luke xxiv, 47. Rom. i, 16, 17; x, 14. James ii, 1, 14 to 20. Mark xvi, 16. Jno. iii, 5. Acts i, 28; viii, 12 to 17; ix, 18; xix, 1 to 6. Matt. iii, 13 to 17. Heb. vi, 1, 2. Gal. iii, 27. Col. ii, 12. 1 Pet. iii, 21.

Lord's Supper.—Matt. xxvi, 26 to 29. Acts 2, 46; xx, 7; 1 Cor. xi, 23 to 34.

We believe that men must be called of God by inspiration, and by laying on of hands by those who are duly commissioned to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

Called of God—Heb. v, 4, 10; iii, 1, 2. Exo. xxxvii, 1. Rom. x, 14, 15. Mark iii, 14. Jno. xv, 16. xviii, 19. Acts xiii, 1 to 3; xiv, 23. 1 Tim. ii, 7, iv, 14. 2 Tim. i, 6. Rev. i, 6; xx, 6. Mal. iii, 1 to 6. Gal. i, 8.

We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church, viz:—apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, &c.

Organization.—1 Cor. xii. Eph. iv, 11 to 16; ii, 19 to 28; iii, 5; Acts xiii, 1.

We believe in the powers and gifts of the everlasting gospel, viz: the gift of faith, discerning of spirits, prophecy, revelation,

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visions, healing, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues, wisdom, charity, brotherly love, &c.

Spiritual Gifts.—Mark xvi, 17 to 20; 1 Cor. xii; xiv, 1. James v, 13 to 15. 1 Thess. v, 19, 20. Jas. xiv, 13. Acts ii, 17, 18; xiii, 4, 9, 10.

We believe the word of God recorded in the Bible; we also believe the word of God recorded in the Book of Mormon, and in all other good books.

Book of Mormon.—Jas. xxi, 25; x, 16. Acts xvii, 23, 27. Rev. xii, 12. Hos. viii, 12. Eze. xxxvii, 15 to 38. Isa. xliix, 31 to 34. Ps. lxxxv, 10, 11.

We believe all that God has revealed, all that he does now reveal, and we believe that he will yet reveal many more great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God and Messiah's second coming.

Later Day Revelations.—Isa. xlviii, 10 to 13; x, 34. Acts ii, 17. Mal. iii, 1 to 4, iv. Eze. xi, 33 to 38. Matt. xxi, 34, 31. Rev. xiv, 6. Joel ii, 28 to 32. Zech. xiv. Dan. ii, 44. Eph. i, 10.

We believe in the literal Gathering of Israel, and in the restoration of the ten tribes; that Zion will be established upon the western continent, that Christ will reign personally upon the earth a thousand years, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaical glory.

Gathering.—Jer. xxx; xxxi; xliii, 3 to 6; xli, 6 to 19; Eze. xx, 34 to 39; xxxvii, 19 to 22; xxxviii; xxxix. Isa. xliix, 24 to 26; xi, 10 to 16; ii, 2, 3; xliii, 5 to 9. Zech. x, 6 to 12; xiv. Ps. l, 5. Rev. xviii, 4.

Mount Zion.—Ps. cii, 13 to 22; xlviii. Joel ii, 33; iii. Micha. iv. Isa. lxvi; li, 3, 11; xlvii; lx. 2 Pet. iii, 7 to 13.

We believe in the literal resurrection of the body, and that the dead in Christ will rise first, and that the rest of the dead live not again until the thousand years are expired.

Christ's Second Coming.—1 Thess. i, 10. Jude i, 14, 15. 2 Thess. i, 7 to 10. Rev. v, 9, 10; xii. Zech. xiv, 4. Acts i, 11; iii, 20, 21. Mal. iii, 1 to 3; iv. Matt. xxiv, 30 to 31.

First and Second Resurrections.—1 Thess. iv, 14 to 18. 2 Thess. ii, 1. Isa. xvi, 19 to 21. Eze. xxxvii, 1 to 14. Dan. xii, 1 to 3. Hos. xiii, 14. Matt. xxvii, 52, 53. Jas. v, 23 to 29. Acts xxiv, 14, 15. Rom. vi, 5; viii, 22, 23. 1 Cor. xv. Phil. iii, 20, 21. Rev. xiv, 13, xv, 4 to 6, & 12 to 15. Job. xix, 24 to 27.

We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience unmolested, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how or where they may.

We believe in being subject to kings, queens, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honouring, and sustaining the law.

We believe in being honest, true, chaste, temperate, benevolent, virtuous, and upright, and in doing good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul,

we "believe all things," we "hope all things," we have endured very many things, and we hope to be able to "endure all things." Every thing virtuous, lovely, praiseworthy, and of good report we seek after, looking forward to the "recompense of reward."

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*N. B.—You are respectfully invited to attend the Services of
the Latter-day Saints,*

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